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SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE IN MANILA

1. FBIS AUGUST 27 CARRIED TAIPEI REPORT REFERRING TO
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HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE CONVENED IN MANILA AUGUST 23,

APPARENTLY UNDER AUSPICES OF PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. PURPOSE WAS STATED TO BE "TO DISCUSS MATTERS ON INTEGRATED HYDROGRAPHIC WORK IN SOUTH CHINA SEA". ATTENDEES WERE REPORTED TO BE PRC, VIETNAM, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, AND PHILIPPINES.

2. FBIS ITEM REPORTED PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AUGUST 27 BY ROC GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE AT WHICH ROC SPOKESMAN (1) SAID CONFERENCE PRESUMABLY TRYING TO SETTLE DISPUTED SOVEREIGNTY OVER REED BANK, (2) REITERATED ROC CLAIM TO FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER SPRATLY ISLANDS, AND (3) SAID ROC WILL NOT RECOGNIZE AGREEMENTS RESULTING FROM CONFERENCE, IF ANY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE, INCLUDING SPONSORSHIP, ATTENDEES, PURPOSE, AND RESULTS. WE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER PRC AND VIETNAM PARTICIPATED.

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